In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for indicating integrity of use-information of a program on a computer, comprising:

(a) providing a mechanism based on a state of a marker file accessible by the computer, for generating upon request an asymmetric, pseudo-unique value, said mechanism returning upon request said value that was most recently generated by said mechanism;

(b) instructing said mechanism to generate a said value;

(c) sealing the use-information with said generated value; and

(d) indicating the integrity of the use-information by a correspondence of said sealed value with a current value returned by said mechanism;

wherein said use-information is associated with an exhausting resource.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said generated value is derived at least from a file ID of said marker file.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said generated value is derived at least from a physical location of said marker file.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein said physical location of said marker file is derived from a number of a sector of said marker file.

5. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein said physical location of said marker file is derived from a number of a cluster of said marker file.

6. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said sealing is carried out by an operation selected from the group comprising: storing said use-information with said current value returned by said mechanism in an encrypted form, digitally signing said use-information with said current value returned by said mechanism, and storing out of the reach of a hacker said use-information with said current value returned by said mechanism.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim [[7]]1, wherein said exhausting resource is based on at least one member selected from the group comprising: how many times the program is executed, an execution time of the program, a predefined period the program is allowed to run, and a trial period.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said sealing of said use-information with the generated value is carried out at a stage selected from the group comprising: a start of an execution of the program, a termination of said execution of the program, during said execution of the program, while the program is idle, and periodically.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said indicating the integrity of the use-information is carried out at a stage selected from the group comprising: a start of an execution of the program, a termination of said execution of

the program, during said execution of the program, while the program is idle, and periodically.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said sealed information is stored in a member of the group comprising: at least one file, at least one marker file, and at least one registry entry.

13-16. (Canceled)

17. (New) A method for indicating integrity of use-information of a program on a computer, comprising:

(a) providing a mechanism based on a state of a marker file accessible by the computer, for generating upon request an asymmetric, pseudo-unique value, said mechanism returning upon request said value that was most recently generated by said mechanism;

(b) instructing said mechanism to generate a said value;

(c) sealing the use-information with said generated value; and

(d) indicating the integrity of the use-information by a correspondence of said sealed value with a current value returned by said mechanism;

wherein an existing said marker file has a name, and wherein said generating a new value by said mechanism is carried out by steps including:

- creating a new marker file with a different name from said existing marker file;

- removing said existing marker file;

- changing said name of said new marker file to said name of said removed marker file; and

- retrieving an ID number of said new marker file.

18. (New) A method for indicating integrity of use-information of a program on a computer, comprising:

(a) providing a mechanism based on a state of a marker file accessible by the computer, for generating upon request an asymmetric, pseudo-unique value, said mechanism returning upon request said value that was most recently generated by said mechanism;

(b) instructing said mechanism to generate a said value;

(c) sealing the use-information with said generated value; and

(d) indicating the integrity of the use-information by a correspondence of said sealed value with a current value returned by said mechanism;

wherein an existing said marker file has a name, and wherein said generating a new value by said mechanism is carried out by steps including:

- creating a new marker file with a different name from said existing marker file;

- removing said existing marker file;

- changing said name of said new marker file to said name of said removed marker file; and

- retrieving a parameter with relevance to a physical location of said new marker file.

19. (New) A method for indicating integrity of use-information of a program on a computer, comprising:

(a) providing a mechanism based on a state of a marker file accessible by the computer, for generating upon request an asymmetric, pseudo-unique value, said mechanism returning upon request said value that was most recently generated by said mechanism;

(b) instructing said mechanism to generate a said value;

(c) sealing the use-information with said generated value; and

(d) indicating the integrity of the use-information by a correspondence of said sealed value with a current value returned by said mechanism;

wherein said generating of a value by said mechanism is carried out by the steps of:

- removing an existing marker file; and

- creating a new marker file; and

- retrieving an ID number of said new marker file.

20. (New) A method for indicating integrity of use-information of a program on a computer, comprising:

(a) providing a mechanism based on a state of a marker file accessible by the computer, for generating upon request an asymmetric, pseudo-unique value, said mechanism returning upon request said value that was most recently generated by said mechanism;

(b) instructing said mechanism to generate a said value;

(c) sealing the use-information with said generated value; and

(d) indicating the integrity of the use-information by a correspondence of said sealed value with a current value returned by said mechanism;

wherein said generating of a value by said mechanism is carried out by the steps of:

- removing an existing marker file; and

- creating a new marker file; and

- retrieving a parameter with relevance to a physical location of said new marker file.

21. (New) A method for indicating integrity of use-information of a program on a computer, comprising:

(a) providing a mechanism based on a state of a marker file accessible by the computer, for generating upon request an asymmetric, pseudo-unique value, said mechanism returning upon request said value that was most recently generated by said mechanism;

(b) instructing said mechanism to generate a said value;

(c) sealing the use-information with said generated value; and

(d) indicating the integrity of the use-information by a correspondence of said sealed value with a current value returned by said mechanism;

wherein said use-information is used in a license model in which usage information of the program is involved.